श्री चतुरानन मिश्र

को सन्यास लेना होगा, जो माफिया नहीं है। इसलिये इसको तुरन्त जितनी जल्दी हो सके सरकार से मेरा अनरोध होगा, विनम्र निवेदन होगा, अगर थोड़ी सी भी संवेदनशीलता सरकार के पास बच गई हो, तो इसको जरूर टेकअप करना चाहिए।

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Madam, thank you very much. Now, this nexus..(*Interruptions*)..Madam, I would like not to be disturbed by the Minister. Can the Minister of Rural Development hear me ? Madam, I would not like to be disturbed. Just two sentences.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sure, Sure.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Madam, this nexus of the underworld with the politicians and bureaucrats is now directly threatening the security of this country. I would like to know whether it is true that the Inspector General of Police of Kerala has been serving as a courier and conduit of information from the ISRO centre in Kerala, using his official car, going in and out and handing over those documents to the foreign agents who encamped in Kerala and to those two Maldivian women who were laundering sex and money. I would like the Minister to come here with a statement on this, apart from the sttement which Mr. Rajesh Pilot has promised to do.

RE : NON-PAYMENT OF WAGES TO WORKERS OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: (West Bengal) : Madam, I have a feeling that sometimes important human problems do not get the proper national focus either in the House or with the Government. I know this is an inauspicious day for the Government, but even then I feel the Government will be more inconvenienced if I seek to press before you certain facts. Yesterday, I had been to Calcutta. I visited a number of public sector factories. With my own eyes I have seen that in a number of public sector units power supply has been disconnected, drinking water has been disrupted, machines have come to a standstill, workers do not have job and workers are taking unfiltered water for drinking purposes because the connection of the filtered water has been removed as there was no power. The Government of India is violating labour laws with inpunity whenever such things happen. Thousands of employees and workers are being denied wages in Government factories. If the Members of Parliament can get their salaries regularly, if the Ministers can enjoy the Government's comfort regularly, how is it that more than one lakh factory workers in Calcutta, in West Bengal and outside, in different parts of the country, are not being given wages ? They are as much Government servents as other Government employees are. This matter was raised with the Ministry of Labour and the most considered opinion of the Labour Ministry has been that the Government cannot default, cannot stop, the payment of wages of the workers of the public sector undertakings. That view was made known to the Government Departments. Even then, because of the shortage of money, because of the shortage of fund, because Dr. Manmohan Singh has refused to give them money, because they have decided to invite the multinationals, they are not paid their wages. I don't know if liberalisation will have its way even after all that has happened in Karnataka and Andhra. We can see in what direction the wind is blowing because only yesterday the Prime Minister has made a different statement in the conference of the FICCI.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra) : He has made it before the election results.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : I don't know if it was before the election results or if it was after the election results. But to me it is important. I don't know what the most auspicious time for the Prime Minister to make a statement is. It is not for me to say whether it is important. But for me what is important is this. Will you allow the Government to violate its own labour laws in the public sector undertakings of the country, in West Bengal and others ? In the National Textile Corporation more than 20,000 workers are being denied wages for more than 2 months. In the National Jute Manufacturing Corporation of West Bengal, about 30,000 workers are not paid wages. Even in the prestigious engineering organisations of Braithwaite, Burn and Jessops, there was default in the payment of wages. Is it a Government functioning not according to law ? Is it a Government basing its policy on barbarism. Is it a Government that we can allow to function when it defaults in the fulfilment of its statutory obligation ? When a private sector company defaults in its statutory obligation we send them to jail.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA (Bihar) : Has there been any occasion

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Yes, there have been occasions when jute barons have been sent to jail in West Bengal because they defaulted in their statutory obligation. Will you, Madam, order for sending to jail the Minister of Textiles, the Minister of Industry because under his Department thousands of workers are not paid wages ? It is an important human problem. It is no less important than the Babri Masjid. It is no less important than whether a Chief Minister is connected with a power caucus. It is more important. The Government is violating the laws with impunity and people are living in hunger and there is no remedy. (Time bell).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have other names also.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : The Labour Minister is here. I with the entire House joins me in asking the Labour Minister whether such a barbaric act is going to be put an end to. I implore you just to ask the hon. Labour Minister to let us know what his view one this is.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Ashok Mitra.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : This is an important issue to be talked about in the Parliament

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Gurudas Das Guptaji, please take your seat.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : This is an issue on which the Government cannot afford to remain silent.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Gurudasji, please *baithiye*. I won't tell anybody..*(Interruptions)*..

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Yes, Madam. But will you kindly tell me what your reaction is, if people are going hungry without getting wages in a number of factories in the country ? What is your reaction ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am sorry for it. Mr. Ashok Mitra wants to say something.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal) : Madam, I would like to associate myself with what my friend and colleague, Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta has just stated. It is an extraordinary situation. Whenever we ask the Ministers about it, they say that they are not going to close down any of the public sector units. Yet, they still starve them of working funds. Madam, week after week we have raised questions here that you are not placing orders with the public sector units instead you are importing; that you have closed down fertilizer units in the public sector and importing urea from abroad. The Board for Industrial and financial Reconstruction approves a package of revival. This Board suggests that the banks should offer accommodation for the reconstruction of these units but the Ministry of finance stands in the way and says, "Nothing doing". It is a human problem. The Ministers sitting in New Delhi cannot comprehend the dimension of the human problem because they have lost their sense of comprehension, facing the electrorate to give the kind of electoral verdict that has been given. That is the reason. Madam, I can assure that if this is the manner in which they continue to operate, from the four or five Lok Sabha seats from West Bengal it will be a big zero for them next time. Madam, I appeal, through you, to the Government for your own sake please do something about it.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, this is an important human issue. Let the Minister react to it.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar) : Madam, I want to associate myself with him on this issue. This is a very serious matter. The public sector is being chocked everyday by the Government. In my State, Bihar, we have the Heavy Engineering Corporation which is dying. There is one BRL which makes firebricks and gets orders from the Steel Authority of India. The BRL unit in Bihar has no running capital because the SAIL is not lifting the firebricks which the SAIL ordered.

I wrote a letter to the concerned Minister in this regard.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please conclude.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: I am going to finish. I would have finished by this time.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You would not have finished. The problem is the public sector units are everywhere. I cannot allow everybody. You only associate yourself.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, people are starving.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I know But, Mr. Gujral is waiting. Don't you think that he should also raise some issue ?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, you kindly direct the Ministr to react.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I cannot direct anybody.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA Madam, on a number occasions you have directed the Ministers to react.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : मैडम मुझे केवल इतना ही कहना है कि पब्लिक सैक्टर को सरकार जानबूझकर खत्म कर रही है। बिहार में भी बहुत सारे पब्लिक सैक्टर हैं, कोयला है, अन्य पब्लिक सैक्टर हैं, जानबूझकर भारत सरकार इन पब्लिक सैक्टर को मार रही है, समाप्त कर रही है और बाहर से सामान मंगवा कर अपने देश की बर्बादी का, अपने देश के लोगों को बर्बाद करने का धन्धा कर रही है वर्ल्ड बैंक और इंटरनेशनल मोनेटरी फण्ड की डिक्टेटरशिप

पर। यह काम बंद होना चाहिए और अपने लोगों की रोजी-रोटी की हिफाजत करने के बाद जो चाहे वह करे।

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam first of all, let me make it very clear that the Government is not against the public sector units. That notion is being repeated everyday. But, it is not correct. When the SAIL did a very excellent work, our Prime Minister himself appreciated that and said that this kind of work should be done by the other public sector units and it should be encouraged. Secondly, at Davos the Prime Minister said in his speech, "If I cannot give jobs, I have no right to snatch jobs of the employees. Madam, by not giving salaries to the employees they are indirectly throwing them out of their jobs. They cannot survive without salary. Lastly, only today I have read one of the answers given by the Labour Minister and I was shocked. So far, every year there has been an increse in the number of jobs of the public sector undertakings. But, from the figures of 1993-94, we find that the jobs in public sector units have decreased by .5 million. This has happened for the first time. I would like the Labour Minister to ponder over this and find out why it has happened, more so when our Prime Minister has already promised that he would not throw them out of jobs. But for some reason or the other, they are leaving their jobs. The Labour Minister should find out whether they had left their jobs by themselves or they were compelled to leave, so that this kind of a problem will not arise in future. Everybody supports the public sector. It is for the nation, owned by the nation and not by private individuals. As such, it is the duty of the Government as well as of all of us to encourage the public sector. Thank you, Madam.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : उपसभापति महोदया, लेबर मिनिस्टर कुछ कहें वे लेबर मिनिस्टर हैं, कम से कम कुछ बोलें।

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, आज के इंडियन एक्सप्रैस में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री श्री अर्जुन सिंह जी का एक वक्तव्य पढ़ने को मिला कि सरकार की उदारीकरण की नीति ने इस देश के गरीबों को बहुत नुकसान पहुंचाया है।

मैं यह कहना चाहूंगा कि बड़े अदब के साथ . . . (**व्यवधान**)

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : यह उदारीकरण है

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम : इस उदारीकरण की नीति से आज ये सारे सरकारी संस्थान बीमार हो रहे हैं, बंद हो रहे हैं, नए एवेन्यू नौकरी के खुल नहीं रहे हैं, पुराने मजदूरों की छंटनी हो रही है। तो यह जो हमारा कल्याणकारी राज्य का कंसेप्शन है, क्या यह बिल्कुल थोथा ही रह जाएगा और अगर इन मजदूरों को वेतन नहीं मिला तो इनके बच्चों के भविष्य का क्या होगा ? इसलिए मैं सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि इस उदारीकरण की नीति पर पुनः विचार होना चाहिए और इसके ऊपर राष्ट्रीय बहस होनी चाहिए।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Inder Kumar Gujaral..... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : The hon. Minister must reply.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is here. If he had wanted to speak, he would have spoken. I am not forcing..... (*Interruptions*) I am not forcing anybody..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : He is prepared to give a reply.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : He never said that he wanted to speak..(*Interruptions*) I want to tell you one thing. If he wants to react, he should get up. If he does not want to react, I am not going to force him. I don't even force you.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : Madam, I share the sentiments expressed by the hon. Members. It is true that in certain public sector undertakings the payment of wages is being delayed..(*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : It is not delayed but it has been defaulted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him finish ....(*Interruptions*) Now, come on, don't put words into his mouth.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: To be very frank, as the Labour Minister, practically, every first week of the month, I have to personally intervene and see that their wages are paid from my side, I have been doing my best. The hon. Members know very much about it. But, we have problems also. I will go into this question when I go back to my office. I will see what can be done about that. I share your sentiment. We should do our best on this. This is one thing. As far as the second part of the question is concerned, namely, regarding cutting off of electricity supply and disruption in drinking water supply... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The workers do not have drinking water in their factories.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Gurudasji, please have patience. He heard it and so did I.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: Madam, I only humbly submit that it is within the purview of the State Government to supply electricity and drinking water? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is it?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: I will take up the matter with the west Bengal Government....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It is not with the West Bengal Government. Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation is a private undertaking....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Wait a minute. You wanted the Minister to react. He is reacting. Now, you don't react without my permission....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Buy what time will the payment be made?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: I can't say it now. I will go back and find it out....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Why is he misinforming the House?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: I am not misinforming ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: How do you say that the State Government is responsible?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Electricity is of the State Government....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The CESC is a private corporation.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : Whatever it may be, it is within the administrative authority ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. BALANANDAN (Kerala): I submit that it is with the Government....(*Interruptions*) The Central Government has to pay money to the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation, which is a private establishment. The West Bengal Government has nothing to do with it.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: The issue of electricity and water supply is within the purview of the State Government. I will find out from the State Government. It is not my responsibility to give water and electricity.

Now as far as the issue of public sector undertakings is concerned the position of the public sector undertakings is very clear. Mr. Desai has already pointed out. But the present position is very different. There are 98 public sector undertakings which are sick out of which 58 are chronically sick. Right. Let me state the correct position. I am coming out with a problem which, I think the House should help me solve.

That is why, I took this opportunity to place these facts before the House. These 58 public sector undertakings which are chronically sick have an accumulated losses of Rs. 10,000 crores.

SHRI GURU DAS DAS GUPTA: That is not the issue. You cannot... (*Interrupttons*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing you, Mr. Gupta. Please sit down ...(*Interruptions*)... It is not the way. I am not going to allow this.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: I am not against the public sector undertakings. I am not against the workers.. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please listen to him. What is this ?

I am not allowing you, Mr. Gupta What is this? You don't allow the Minister to speak and insist on interrupting him. Mr. Minister, you speak to the Chair and don't look at them.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Okay, Madam, These 58 public sector undertakings which are chronically sick have an accumulated losses of Rs. 10,000 crores. If we have to revive them, we have to make a fresh investment of Rs. 15,000 crores. It means that for the revival and viability of, these 58 public sector undertakings the money required to be given by this country today is Rs. 25,000 crores. How many workers are there? There are 4.70,000 workers.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It is not the issue at all.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: The question before the country today is whether we should spend this Rs. 25,000 crores to protect 4,70,000 workers or invest this amount in the new areas where the employment generation potential is going to be much higher.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is not the issue at all. This is not the issue. The issue is...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: Absolutely this is the issue.

SHRI GURU DAS DAS GUPTA: You are misleading the House. This is not the issue.

THE DBPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral. That matter is closed...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: The Minister did not answer the question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That matter is closed ...(*Interruptions*) ..

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): The Minister is pleased to react to their question ..(*Interruptions*).. What is this, Madam?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order ..(*Interruptions*).. Order in the House.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : : उपसभापति महोदया, चूंकि मंत्री महोदय ने पेमेंट के बारे में कोई आश्वासन नहीं दिया, कोई ऐश्योरेंस नहीं दिया, इसके विरोध मे हम लोग वॉक-आऊट करते हैं।

त तपश्चत कूछ माननीय सदस्य वॉक-आऊट कर गए

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: You are digging your own grave.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: All right.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL (Bihar): Madam, last week I had raised an issue of urgent security importance and requested the Chair to permit me to raise this issue. I gave a Calling Attention motion signed by some of us belonging to all parties. I am not questioning the wisdom of the Chair whether to permit it or not. Now that I have been given a chance even though lately. Please perimt me to raise it tomorrow, not today, so that his urgent issue pertaining to the security of the country can be discussed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Do you want to raise it tomorrow ? Okay, all right.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL One more request. It was on Friday and now it is Monday. Tomorrow, please give me priotrity.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : All right. Now, Shri Jagmohan.

Re. Killing of army personnel by Terrorists in J & K

SHRI JAGMOHAN (Nominated) I wish to riaise the point relating to the kidnapping, torture and subsequent killing of five Army officers in Jammu and Kashmir. You know that their dead bodies were found.

The point at issue is that the Government is not paying serious attention to these types of cases which are happening on a substantial scale. The issue is that such killings, including that of a Major and a Lieutenant, happen because of the problem of internal subversion within the departments. In 1989, this was the technique when practically all the inspectors of the Intelligence Bureau were waylaid because of the information given from within the department. They were eliminated one by one. Either, one was travelling in one vehicle or the other going somewhere. The prior information was there and these officials were killed. The same thing is happening now. The Government is not paying any attention to it. So, I would request the Government to pay attention to it.

The second point arising out of it is this. And, I would like the Government to make a statement as to whether it is a fact that a very large number of trucks were sent to the jungles of Kupwara by the Department of Civil Supplies itself. Under the authorisation of the Civil Supplies Department of the State Government, a very large number of supplies were sent to that place. And, if you count the number of trucks that were supplied there, it is much more than what is required to meet the genuine needs of the population there. The number of trucks is far more than what is required for meeting the needs of those people. Those trucks have obviously gone to supply to the terrorists who are in the jungles around there and these officers have been killed in those very jungles. So, I would like to know whether is it not a fact that a number of trucks were intercepted and also whether the number of trucks was more than what was to be sent. I would also like to know whether any inquiry has been held in the matter. If it hasn't been held , then why it hasn't been held. And, if it has been held, then its findings shoild be made known. There are many other instance but I don't want to go into that. Tha